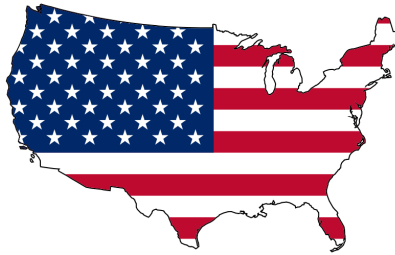


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In the 21st century, it is critical to have unrestricted and secure Internet access, both to allow the universal right of free expression and to encourage innovation and modern economies and societies, U.S. officials say. ...

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A U.S. official says the United States has worked strenuously to oppose defamation-based approaches on the basis that they are inconsistent with fundamental freedoms of speech and expressions, including the values endorsed by U.N. member states through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ...

**6. [Americans Celebrate Achievements of Martin Luther King Jr.](#)**

Americans on the third Monday of January honor the life and achievements of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., (1929–1968), the 1964 Nobel Peace laureate, champion of universal justice, and the individual most associated with the triumphs of the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. ...

**In case you missed it:**

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Ambassador [Philip T. Reeker](#) / (LP)  
 **video** - (WMV - size 26.5 MB)

### **[Ambassador Reeker Stresses Continuity and Commitment at the One-Year Anniversary of the Obama Administration](#)**

January 15, 2010


In an interview with Kanal 5 on Friday, January 15, Ambassador Reeker highlighted the one-year anniversary of the Obama administration and its vigorous engagement in foreign affairs around the world and in the Balkans. The

Ambassador noted the importance of continued partnership to address the security challenges of the 21st century and also addressed the name issue.

◇ **To read the text of the interview, please [click here](#).**

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Ambassador Philip T. Reeker, Kacey Molloy  
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### **[American Corner Tetovo Celebrates its Second Anniversary](#)**

January 19, 2010

An overflowing crowd joined the American Corner in Tetovo to celebrate its Second Anniversary on Tuesday, January 19. The Ambassador congratulated the Corner for its hard work and for building bridges between communities, noting that the Tetovo Corner was one of the fastest growing Corners in the world. The Ambassador also noted that January 18 had been the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday in the U.S. and

praised Dr. King for also devoting his life to building bridges between communities in America, emphasizing that Dr. King understood that successful relations between communities were based on mutual respect for each others' cultural values and beliefs. The Ambassador noted that January 20 marked the first anniversary of the Obama administration and praised the President's willingness to bring his political rivals into the administration and to respect their differences of opinion as well as making competence the greatest factor when assembling his team.

◇ **To read Ambassador Reeker's remarks, please [click here](#).**

◇ **To watch Ambassador Reeker's remarks (KOHA TV, WMV file-size 17.3MB), please [click here](#).**



Lake Ohrid, Macedonia. (LP)

## Regional Seminar on the “Legal Aspects in the Fight Against Terrorism”

OHRID, January 18-22, 2010

The Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS) in Newport, Rhode Island, in cooperation with the Embassy and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Macedonia, will host a regional seminar in Ohrid, January 18-22. Focusing on the topic of “Legal Aspects in the War Against Terrorism,” the objective of the seminar is to educate countries in the region on the dynamic nature of the fight against terrorism, especially regarding its legal aspects. The seminar will focus on rules of engagement and escalation of forces as well as the current situation in Afghanistan, resources of ISAF forces in Afghanistan and laws concerning armed conflict.

Participants in this seminar include 30 representatives from the Ministry of Defense and the Army of the Republic of Macedonia, as well as 24 participants from Slovenia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Poland, and Romania.



### Call for proposals for Women's issues Small Grants Initiative

The Embassy of the United States of America in Macedonia is pleased to announce a call for proposals as part of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) Small Grants Initiative designed to fund worthy projects that promote women's political, economic and social advancement in developing countries.

The purpose of the projects is to support “programs that improve women's leadership capacity in developing countries.” These funds are intended “for programs which enhance leadership and economic opportunities for women in developing countries. For more information please [click here](#).

**The deadline for applications is January 31, 2010.**



***The 2011 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for Outstanding Foreign Students***

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje is pleased to announce the opening of the worldwide competition for the FY 2011 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for outstanding foreign students. The award is designed to be among the most prestigious international scholarships in science and technology. The International Fulbright Science and Technology award is for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. The program is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State...[more](#).

**DEADLINE: May 2, 2010.**

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